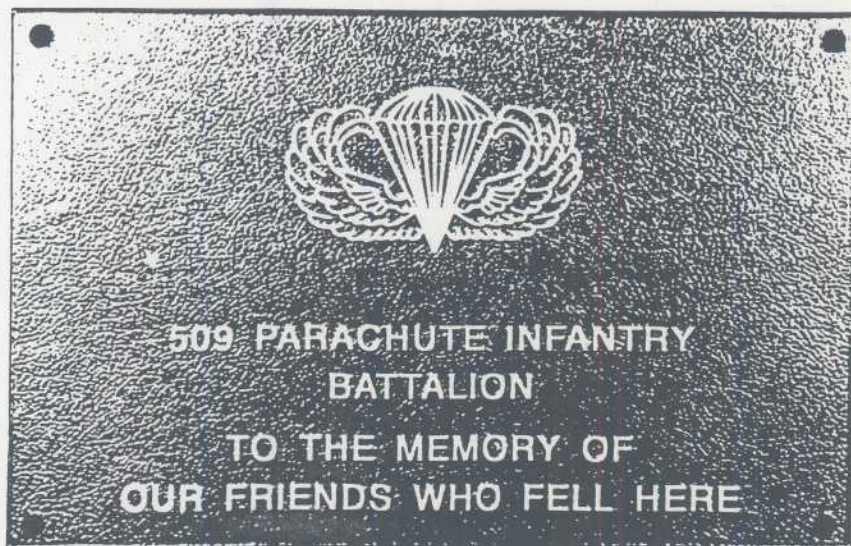


509TH PARACHUTE INFANTRY BATTALION (AIRBORNE)

**OPERATION DRAGOON
15 AUGUST 1944
INVASION OF SOUTHERN FRANCE**

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**MEMORIAL PLAGUE STANDS APPROXIMATELY CENTER FOCUS OF
THE PARACHUTE INVASION**

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[left]

Here, on September 3, 1944, after 5 days of combat,
the volunteers of the Saint Just Brigade [F T P S Company Cyrano]
and the advance American elements of Captain Walls
sustained by the batteries of the Royal Navy
constrained the retreating German forces, forces which were abandoning their
wounded and prisoners
September 3, 1945

[Right]

Company "C" D 509
Battalion of parachute infantry [U.S. Army]
In homage to the anti-fachiste Italians of the group
M.O.I. [main d'oeuvre immigrée],
To its resistants
To its deportees in Italy and in Germany
To its interns
To the batteries of the Royal Navy which came from the
Edgard Quinet [English crew]
September 3, 1984 40th anniversary



In the courtyard of the church at the border of Cap D'Ail, France and Principality of Monaco commemorating the liberation of the area by Co. C, 509th PIR. The plaque on left was placed on the church wall on 3 Sept. '45. The Plaque on the right was added during the celebration of the 40th Anniversary in '84.

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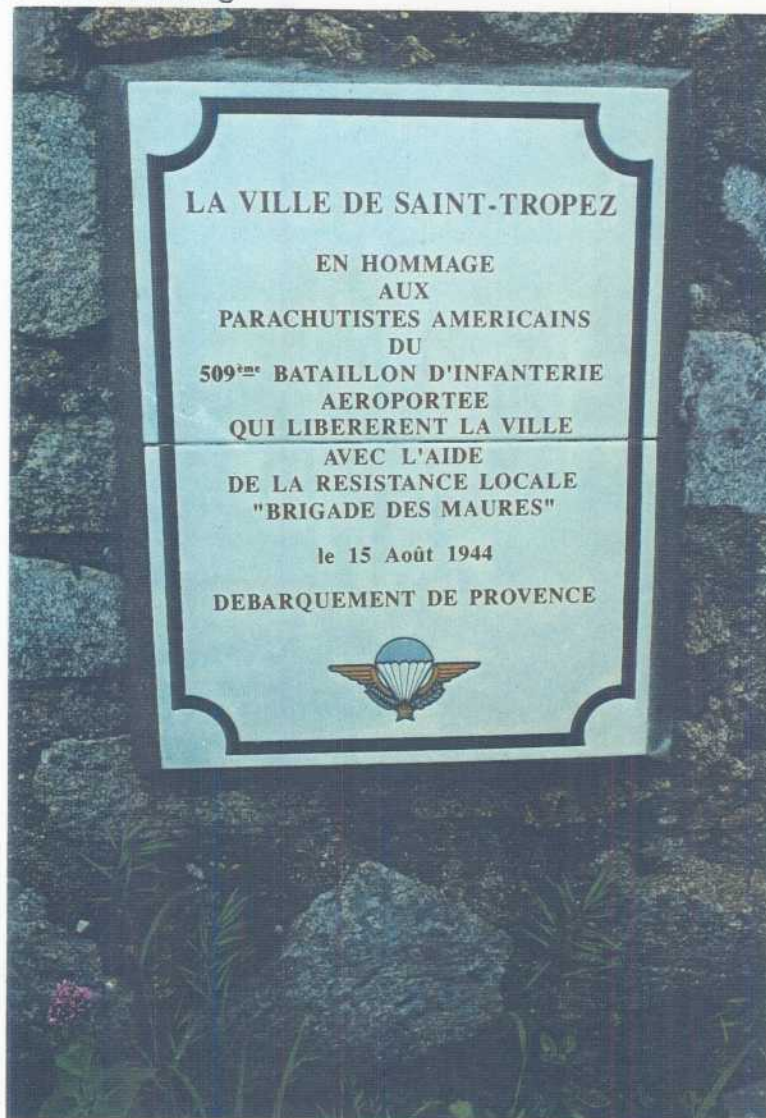
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The city of Saint Tropez
In homage to the American parachutists of the 509th Battalion of
Airborne Infantry
Who liberated the city
with the aid of the local resistance,
The "Maures Brigade"
on August 15, 1944
the Provence Landing

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509TH PARACHUTE INFANTRY BATTALION (AIRBORNE)

To the combatants of December, 1944
To the liberators of January 3, 1945
83rd D.I. and 3rd D.B.

Malempre is grateful

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ROUGH DECISION

(Material "Stand in the Door", Page 318)

There was no way out, we knew the wounded had to be left behind, hoping the Germans' would see to their needs. It was the hardest decision to make..... yet it was the only decision that could offer the wounded a chance of survival.

PFC. Russell Cook, gallantly and unselfishly, volunteered to remain with the wounded, realizing that he also would be captured.

The wounded left on the trucks were:

Clyde D. Baker	Joseph C. Mangialomini
Glenford Brown	Teddy M. Abrams
Robert E. Grover	Albert Castro
William J. Hiller	Paul L. Burns
Felix B. Marsh	Eugene C. Jordon
Roman L. Miewiengbwski	

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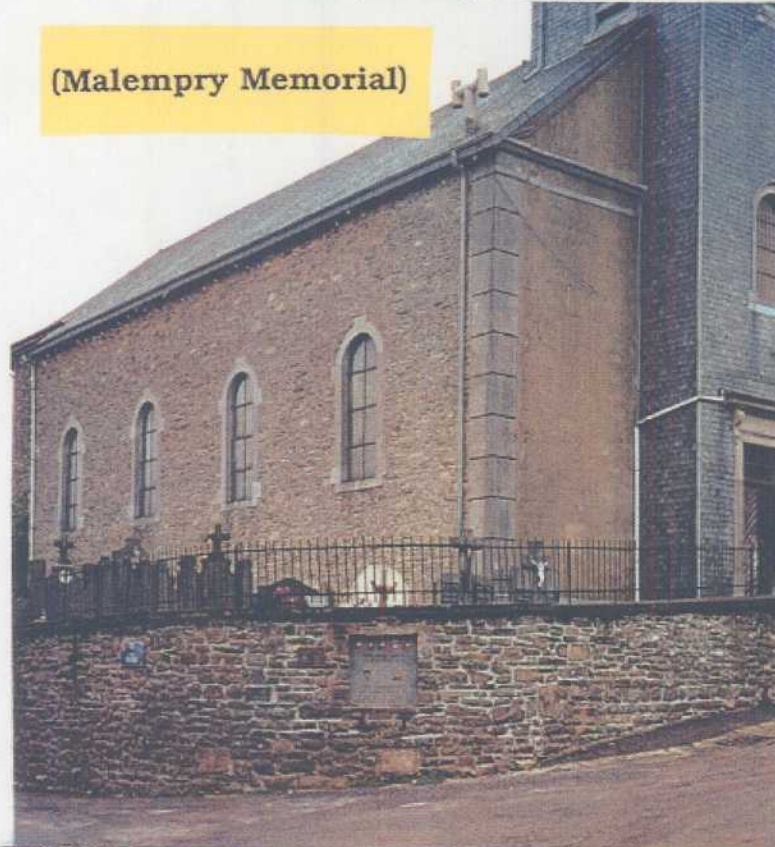
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Malempre is grateful

(Malempre Memorial)



509TH PARACHUTE INFANTRY BATTALION (AIRBORNE)

To the memory of the GIs' and of the civil victims, Victor Fairon and Emile Dropsy who fell at Sadzot on the night of December 27th to 28th, 1944 during the offensive of the Ardennes.

The savage and desperate attack of the 2nd and 12th SS Panzer divisions shot death and desolation into this peaceful village.

We pay homage to the courage and determination of the American units:

The detachment of the 3rd Armored Division
The 509th Parachute Infantry Battalion
Company B of the 87th Mortar Battalion
The 289th Regiment of the 75th Infantry Division



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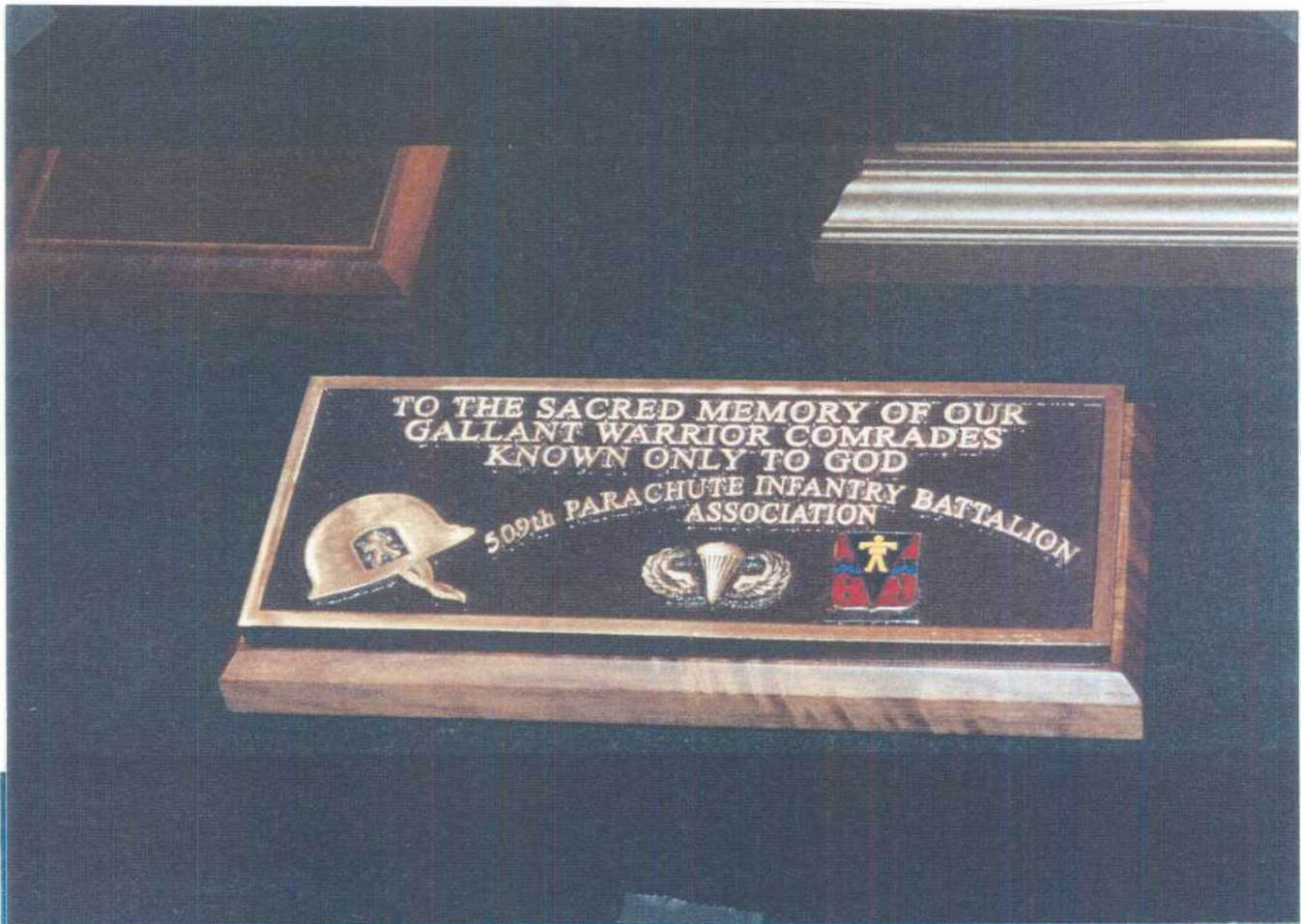
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(Sadzot Memorial)



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Top: Current 509ers at the Tomb of the Unknown. Wreath-Laying Ceremony and dedication of unit Plaque placed inside the Memorial Display Room
Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia January, 2000



509TH PARACHUTE INFANTRY BATTALION (AIRBORNE)



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DECORATIONS; SERVICE MEDALS, AND BADGES

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Medal of Honor (Army)

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Distinguished Service
Cross (Army)



Defense Distinguished
Service Medal



Distinguished Service
Medal (Army)



Silver Star

509TH PARACHUTE INFANTRY BATTALION (AIRBORNE)



Defense Superior
Service Medal



Legion of Merit



Distinguished Flying
Cross



Soldier's Medal
(Army)

509TH PARACHUTE INFANTRY BATTALION (AIRBORNE)



Bronze Star Medal



Purple Heart



Defense
Meritorious Service
Medal



Meritorious Service
Medal